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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Wen-Yih LIAO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1756

Serial No.:

09/917,751

Examiner: M. Angebranndt

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: NOVEL CYANINE-TONQ DYE FOR HIGH DENSITY DATA STORAGE MEDIA

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of September 12, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response to this Official Action has been extended to expire on January 12, 2003, by the filing herewith of a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and payment of the required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice of disclaimer and add the following new claims to the application.

17(New). A cyanine dye-TCNQ dye complex used as a data storage media having a formula (I) as follows: